

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Abstract

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action the Examiner reminded the Applicants of the requirements concerning the Abstract, including the requirement that the Abstract not exceed 150 words. The Applicants have amended the Abstract to now be fewer than 150 words and to change “comprising” to “including.”

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner stated that Claim 10 recites the limitation “the front of the user” in line 3 and that there is insufficient basis for this limitation in the claim. The Applicants have amended Claim 10 to provide antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 14-16 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Webber (US 2004/0101151). Accompanying this Amendment is a DECLARATION OF JON C. TAENZER UNDER 37 CFR §1.131. In the Declaration Mr. Taenzer states, “Prior to September 17, 2002, I and my co-inventors conceived and reduced to practice the invention taught in the present patent application and claimed in at least the independent claims which are now in the application, namely Claims 1, 14, and 24.”

The Webber reference was filed September 17, 2003 and claims the benefit of a provisional patent application filed September 17, 2002. Accordingly, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claim 4 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151) in view of Connors (US 2002/0181728 A1). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 13, 18, and 22 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151) in view of Nassimi (US 2004/0062412). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 11-12 and 23-25 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claim 17 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151) in view of Stonikas (US 2002/0025055). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 19, 20 and 21 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151) in view of Keliiliki (US 5,412,736). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claim 26 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Webber (US 2004/0101151) in view of Redmer (US 2004/0037444). As explained above, the Webber reference is overcome by Mr. Taenzer's Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131.

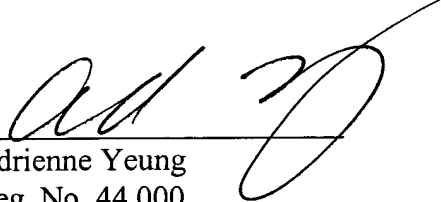
Summary

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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